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SERVING WITH COMPASSION AND CARE

CO: Celebrating the USNH Okinawa Team

Captain Anne Swap, Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa

As the long Okinawan summer fades into the distance and we head into the holiday season, I'd like to take a few moments to reflect on all that's happened over the last several weeks and months. Yes, we've had to deal with such issues as a leptospirosis outbreak, a major typhoon, multiple contingency response exercises, and a grand total of eight—count 'em—eight major inspections. And we've pulled together and passed every challenge with flying colors.

I'm especially proud of how the USNHO team performed in the Joint Commission survey and Medical Inspector General inspection. If you didn't attend the out brief in the galley, know that the MEDIG team was so impressed with this facility that they called out several of our staff members and listed them by name in their report. You can read the comments in their entirety on Page 8 & 9 of this issue of the GRAPEVINE. After the dust settled, the Surgeon General sent me an email that stated:

"Just got a glowing report from our IG on their visit to Oki, his comments 'best we have seen yet as total package of JC and IG'. Keep up the great work, and as I know you are doing, celebrate your team that got you there."

You are the very reason that I am here and the results of our inspections confirmed what I already knew – that you are awesome. I am grateful for all that you do for our patients and each other every day. Thank you all for making U. S. Naval Hospital Okinawa the example for others to follow.

Unless you've been hiding in a cave for the last several months, you are fully aware of the Ebola



virus outbreak occurring in West Africa, and familiar with what's been happening back in the States. While the chance of an outbreak occurring in our area is slim, like the rest of Navy Medicine we have the responsibility of being prepared to properly care for a symptomatic patient showing up in the ED while ensuring the safety of our staff and the rest of the community. An important part of being prepared involves education and training for our staff members.

In the near future, we will be having a number of training evolutions designed to make sure everyone knows what to do and how to protect themselves. Please take the training seriously and learn what you need to do to be effective if we ever have to deal with a communicable disease in this facility.

All of your dedication and hard work truly deserves a break, and I hope you are all looking forward to plenty of opportunities to enjoy some liberty and holiday leave over the next few months. As you do so, please stay safe and look out for each other. As you spend time with your friends

and family, keep the reasons for the holiday in mind, whether it's to remember the veterans before us who served in our nation's wars, or to take time to give thanks for all of the good, positive things in our lives. As with every extended holiday weekend, I hope to see everyone the following Monday morning safe, rested, healthy, and ready to go.

CO out.

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Chaps: The Importance of Support

Lieutenant Commander Benny L. Mathis, Command Chaplain, U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa

My wife and I were very excited as we found out that she was pregnant with our third baby. We began the normal preparations as we had with the first two. Everything was going well.

Then she had her 12 week appointment. Everyone knows how exciting it is to hear the baby's heartbeat.

The technician had trouble finding the heartbeat so we had to have an ultrasound, that black and white image of the womb with the baby floating in a sea of black. The image was only an image of darkness. There was no image of the baby. Our hearts sank.

Apparently, the baby had stopped growing and had died. Like all expecting parents, we had high expectations and joy but now after this visit, it was swallowed up by an even greater pain and disappointment. The provider we saw had a calloused approach and it was alienating to us. There was no one to talk to who understood this type of pain. We received trite expressions of sympathy and hope for the "next try."

The loneliness and estrangement that we experienced was unnecessary.

Little did we know that many



others have walked that same road.

One statistic stated that 1 in 4 women will experience a miscarriage in her lifetime. Each year, nearly 900,000 families are effected by tragedies with their babies (whether miscarriage, stillbirth, or neonatal death). That is a large group of people walking around with broken hopes; and perhaps most are unaware that there are numerous other people around them with a similar experience that can help them shoulder this grief.

Here at USNH Okinawa, we have a group of people who have had this kind of experience and they have banded together for mu-

tual support. They call themselves Angel Babies.

Not every hospital is fortunate to have such a support group available to them. Anyone interested in joining the group is warmly invited. We meet the last Friday evening of every month in the Pastoral Care Office.

On Saturday, October 18th, we held our 6th annual "Walk To Remember" event in memory of all our babies who passed too soon.

The ceremony began at 9:00 a.m. at Torii Chapel followed by a walk to the beach to release balloons.

I strongly encourage anyone who has struggled with a loss of a child or any of the numerous other hardships of life to not tell yourself that "no one would understand."

Don't think that you are the only one that suffers from this issue. There are others willing to help, and everyone needs the support of a team.

In Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, the wise King Solomon wrote: "Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their efforts. For if either falls, his companion can lift him up; but pity the one who falls without another to lift him up."

MCCS Okinawa TOURS+ Upcoming Highlights

Local Tours

- Expo Park & Aquarium, Dec. 7
- Kanucha Stardust Fantasia, Dec. 13
- Farm & Fish Market, Dec. 13
- (NEW) Battle of Okinawa Through Civilian Eyes, Dec. 14
- Yomitan Pottery & Market, Dec. 20
- Forest Adventure, Dec. 28

Off Island Tours

- Christmas in Disney, Dec. 22—26
- Sapporo Ice & Snow Festival, Feb. 3—7

Holiday Special Events & Tours

- Christmas Fireworks Cruise, Dec. 20
- Peaceful Illumination (Itoman) Dec. 21 & 28
- Southeast Botanical Garden Illumination & dinner Buffet, Dec. 23
- Christmas Eve Sunset Dinner Cruise, Dec. 24
- Children's Zoo Light Show, Dec. 27

The TOURS+ office at USNHO, located near the Chaplain's office, is now open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call 646-7013 (or the main office at 646-3502) for more information.

USNHO staff gets into the Halloween spirit

Photos by Mass Communications Specialist 3rd Class William McCann, U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa Public Affairs





KEEP WHAT YOU'VE EARNED

THINK BEFORE YOU DRINK

You've worked hard for your career as a Sailor. Only one-third of 17- to 24-year-olds in the United States are even eligible for Navy service, and even fewer are capable of enduring the physical and emotional challenges of being a Sailor.¹ From boot camp to advancement exams, job training and deployments, you have met these challenges with hard work, sacrifice and dedication.

Making responsible drinking choices is an extension of that dedication. Just one bad decision while drinking alcohol can jeopardize everything you've earned. Sailors involved in alcohol incidents face serious consequences, including:

- Loss of rate or pay
- Separation from the Navy
- Civilian consequences, such as fines and jail time

Irresponsible drinking not only threatens your health and career, it threatens the Navy's ability to be mission-ready.



1. Navy Recruiting Command (2013, May). Navy Recruiting Overview. Public Brief. Retrieved from <http://www.cnrc.navy.mil>.

SIGNS THAT YOU MAY BE DRINKING TOO MUCH:

- Not having control over the amount of alcohol you consume
- Alcohol negatively affecting your work and/or relationships with others
- Poor judgment and risk-taking
- Confused thinking
- Difficulty remembering details or events
- Slow reaction time and reflexes
- Distorted vision and blackouts
- Anger or depression

DRINK RESPONSIBLY, EVERY TIME:

- Plan ahead for a safe ride home.
- Don't try to "keep up" with others.
- Know your limit, before you get there.



For more information, speak with your command Drug and Alcohol Program Advisor (DAPA), visit www.nadap.navy.mil, or call 1-866-U-ASK-NPC.

IT WASN'T EASY GETTING HERE.
DRINK RESPONSIBLY.

Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention

9/11 Remembered: Never Forget

Photos by Brian Davis, U. S. Naval Hospital Okinawa Public Affairs



U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa's Color Guard poses for a group photo.



HM1 (FMF) Brian Shimasaki renders honors during U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa morning colors on Sept. 11, 2014.



Hospitalman Justin Simmons Renders honors during morning colors at U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa on



U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa color guard observes morning colors on Sept. 11, 2014.

On the morning of September 11, 2014, U. S. Naval Hospital Okinawa's Color Guard observed morning colors and rendered honors to all Americans that lost their lives, and their families that were affected on that tragic day.

We will always remember the fallen, and will forever keep them in our thoughts and will never forget

CPO Pinning Ceremony

Photos by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class William McCann,, U. S. Naval Hospital Okinawa Public Affairs



Chief Hospital Corpsman Michael Stanley receives his garrison cap during the Chief induction ceremony Sept. 16, 2014.



Chief Hospital Corpsman Michael Stanley renders his first salute as a Chief Petty Officer.

Chief Hospital Corpsman Rodolfo Guerrero stands at attention after being promoted to Chief Petty Officer.

Comments from the MEDIG inspection

Courtesy of U. S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) Medical Inspector General

The following is an excerpt from the Sept. 10 final report of the Medical Inspector General (MEDIG) inspection of U. S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan. The MEDIC conducted its inspection of USNHO in conjunction with The Joint Commission survey Aug. 25-29, 2014.

The MEDIG would like to formally recognize the following individuals for their excellent program management:

HM3 Edinson Rosales for his hands engagement in the daily operations of BHC Camp Schwab. He is energetic and highly engaged!

HN Brandun Brooks for his role as the driver for the BHC Camp Schwab/Camp Hansen inspectors. Truly an exceptional and professional Sailor, HN Brooks has raised the bar for excellence!

HM2 Nathan Abara for his leadership skills and guidance he provides on a daily basis, developing hospital corpsman and helping to deliver optimal patient care, as the Leading Petty Officer, BHC Kinser.

HM3 Michelle Andresen for her insight and experience at BHC Kinser. She has proven over and over that she is capable of greater responsibilities and positions of leadership.

HM3 Ryan Hembree for his exceptional oversight of multiple major collateral duties at BHC Kinser including infection control EDTRA, and customer service.

Ms. Rumiko Shimabukuro, Ms. Megumi Tsukayama, and Ms. Jane Kishimoto for their exceptional documentation, attention to detail, and outstanding management of accounting processes and procedures.

Mr. Arnel Caugurian for his excellent management

of the Awards and Recognition Program.

Mr. Arthur Patrie for his comprehensive understanding and outstanding management of the Command Evaluation Program.

CSC Mario Sayco for his management of a well-organized and efficient Command Urinalysis Program.

HM1 Sondra Zickmund for her high level of pride and professionalism in taking care of Sailors both pre/post-deployment! She demonstrated a level of expertise that I have not seen before during the program inspection.

HM1 Brian Shimasaki for the superior performance of his duties as one of the command's Assistant Drug and Alcohol Program Advisors (DAPAs). HM1 Shimasaki maintains flawless DAPA-related program documentations, aggressively providing Alcohol Abuse Prevention training, and ensuring that staff receive the very best assistance possible.

Cmdr. Christopher Mannion, HM1 [now HMC] Michael Stanley, and Ms. Tina McNeal for exceptional oversight of the Education and Training (EDTRA) Program. The EDTRA program provides remarkable assistance to all staff for their educational needs, constantly investigating how to make their processes more effective and ensuring that documentation requirements are standardized/tracked across the command. Noteworthy project include, but are not limited to, the newly developed Nursing Residency Program, Saturday Basic Life Support courses, Emergency Medical Technician validation program, Education and Training Newsletter, a robust Command Indoctrination division, and a training planning board. Additionally, this command has demonstrated the BEST example of training record maintenance and competency assessment performance/



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completion.

Mr. Robert Rowe and Ms. Neli Meier for implementing one of the very BEST Health Promotion and Wellness/ShipShape Programs across Navy Medicine! Every aspect of the program is topnotch and meticulously planned and carried out with unmatched dedication and attention to detail. Documentation of the ShipShape Program from advertisement and enrollment to course curriculum, attendance, and follow up is impeccable and closely tracked for future reference. This is truly and amazing program being overseen by two stellar health promotion experts!

Lt. Jessica Snyder and Lt. Jacob Valla for their proactive approach in the Worksite Visits Program. As providers, both of these officers have embraced and desire to consult, teach, and train the local shore base in the importance of hearing conservation. The Marine Corps has an enormous throughput and audiology is forging the necessary partnerships and is actively involved with local shore base customers. HM2 William Imperial and HM2 Jean Domingo for their excellent management of the HMB program leading to an unprecedented 97.7 percent compliance rate, and for their superb oversight and instruction of the Tactical Combat Casualty Care course resulting in other commands and military forces requesting to attend their course.

HMC Richard Roque for his initiative in developing a local symposium for the professional development of the Independent Duty Hospital Corpsmen (IDC). This is the epitome of going the extra mile. He displayed exceptional pride and professionalism in every aspect of managing the IDC program. Simply, the best!

HM1 Peter Tan for his management of an excellent medical equipment maintenance program. As a result of his efforts, the command has maintained a 100 percent preventive maintenance completion rate on Risk Level 1 equipment. In addition, Biomedical Repair's 'Biomend WestPac Alliance,' and agreement between the region's medical treatment facilities to share biomedical repair expertise, is a "best practice" for enterprise-wide implementation.

Mr. Troy Williams for hitting the ground running as the Medical Evaluation Boards Program Manager.

In his brief time onboard, Mr. Williams has made significant strides in building relationships with the supported line commands and educating key stakeholders about medical board requirements.

NC1 Blossom Marshall for her overall management of a robust Navy Enlisted Retention and Career Development Program, including her excellent guidance and directions within the Career Development Team.

Lt. Cmdr. Leah Geislinger for her superb leadership of the Occupational Medicine Department. She continues to successfully lead the occupational health and audiology team as a mentor and clinic manager while providing excellent access for medical surveillance and hearing conservation (100 percent walk ins, no turn downs). The Occupational Medicine Department is thriving and successful due to her actively engaged style and collegial relationship with other hospital disciplines.

HM3 Michael Bick for his exceptional initiative, organizational skills and management of the Operational forces Medical Liaison Services providing superior services to the fleet.

Lt. Robert Lennon for implementing Medical Home best practices at Bush clinic and proactive leadership as the command's Medical Homeport Champion.

Ms. Angela Baker for her significant contributions to the Referral Management Program. Her expertise and program management have been invaluable to the command in identifying and building strong relationships with host nation providers and her work to build a centralized referral management center has been exceptional.

Lt. Ernesto Caraveo and the entire Suicide Prevention Program team for their exceptional management of the Suicide Prevention and Operational Stress Control Program.

Mr. Herman Wilken for his excellent analysis and detailed documentation of Standard Labor Data collection and distribution Application (SLDCADA) data and comprehensive training provided to SLDCADA users at all levels in management of the Timekeeping, Leave and Pay for Civilian Personnel.

(N)ICE Comments from Our Patients

ICE comments from our patients courtesy of Mr. Frank Robertson, U. S. Naval Hospital Okinawa Customer Relations Officer

Lt. Cmdr. Kawabe seemed to genuinely care about me as a person and a patient. I hope he isn't going anywhere anytime soon!

HN Murillo was extremely professional and helpful during my visit. The customer service was some of the best I have seen! Bravo Zulu!

Awesome service! **HM1 Guerrero** showed real concern and listened to my concerns as well.

Mr. Kiyuna is a fantastic phlebotomist - keep him and keep him happy!!!

Lt. Lennon provided excellent, direct, focused medical care. My appreciation for his care, for his actually caring is beyond belief. My pain is manageable, you have no idea how important that is to me or how it has affected my life in the last few days. I was singing in my car!

Ms. Dawnunique Paul is awesome! She's very understanding... excellent customer service! Very happy with **Immunizations** department!

The level of care I received from **Cmdr. Wiseman** and her associates was outstanding, and to witness professional attitudes and mutual respect amongst all concerned with my case was wonderful.



HN Dalton Rezac, Pediatrics

HN Rezac (funny guy) put a smile on our faces. We liked his questions and kindness.

Just wanted to say an extra thank you to **Lt. Ramos** and **HN Normand** during my daughter's appointment yesterday. Thank you for being fun and child friendly. My daughter really enjoyed the glove balloon. :)

Mr. Bosma was friendly and was able to make me an appointment at Kadena. I was unable to make it happen and Jack took the time and made my experience more productive and proactive. Thanks, Jack!

Excellent experience as usual. **HN Young** puts my children at ease, is efficient and thorough. **Cmdr. Prieto** is always our first choice. She's always knowledgeable, provides options and keeps us healthy.



Cmdr. Jessica Beard, NC, OB/GYN

Cmdr. Beard is always so professional and has excellent bedside manner. I love how kind and concerned about how I am doing. She is very personable. Thank you!

Mr. K. J. Breshike, MS, CCCA (Audiologist) superbly administered a full spectrum of hearing tests. His customer service, care and concern were outstanding, and represented the U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa in a very positive manner. Bravo Zulu to Mr. Breshike for a job well done!

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Lt. Cmdr. Sorenson provides complete and compassionate care. Our sessions are lively and I am always leaving with a smile on my face due to jokes told or shared. She displays excellence in how she treats her patients and it shows that she cares.

HM2 Falah and **Lt. Cmdr. Vanderweele** have been truly excellent in their patient care. As a walk-in patient with a concern, they both were extremely helpful in helping me feel better about my issue.

Mrs. Castle is fantastic; very professional and compassionate. The front desk staff were friendly and professional as always.

Best visit ever. **Lt. j. g. Larro** is outstanding!!

Lt. Cmdr. Wu is outstanding. Thanks for your time and effort.

Maj. Santiago is a fantastic doctor; kind, caring, concerned. Thank you!

The **galley staff** for breakfast this morning was amazing!! Everyone was so friendly it was just a pleasure to be around. The man making the omelets made them so DELICIOUS, the best omelet I've ever eaten hands down!! Overall my experience from paying to walking out was absolutely amazing!! Two thumbs up!

I wanted to add that **HM3 Schoeff** possesses wonderful customer service skills. She was pleasant, friendly and willing to help.

HN Ciccone is a great personality and has the ability to connect with a patient and cheer them up to keep them in good spirits during their medical situations. He is a genius as a rapper, who deserves a generous pay raise.

Lt. Yousefinejad was the most awesome dentist I've had in 20 years. I have dental anxiety but I was comfortable the entire appointment: she and **HM2 Perales** make a great team!

Capt. Hickey was very professional and knowledgeable with what she was doing. The level of pain she was able to treat is amazing. I hope more people are being trained as well as her.

Ms. Liquete was very professional, courteous and delightful. Could not ask for anyone better! I just wanted to take a moment to thank the Lactation Consultant



RN Rachel Gunn, Pediatrics

RN Gunn for all her help! She is an amazing person who really cares and spends as much time that is needed with each person. She is super supportive and encouraging. Without her help, I would not have been able to breastfeed my daughter. We are almost at 6 months now!

Lt. Hiatt and **HM3 Kamin** were very helpful and provided great customer service. We needed special accommodations met at our battalion and they were able to help us out on very short notice.

I came in and was seen by **Lt. j. g. Fofi** for the first time and was very pleased with my time with her. She made me feel comfortable and relaxed all while treating my concerns. She was very caring and is a great physician!

Mr. Thomas Niski did an outstanding job at facilitating my visit and doing all appropriate scheduling for future appointments. Great customer service; went above and beyond in assisting me. Bravo Zulu for a job well done!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Some of the ICE comments used in this article may have been edited for space and to ensure patient privacy.

Around the Command

USNHO's annual Fall Fest celebration

Photos by Mass Communications Specialist 3rd Class William McCann, U. S. Naval Hospital Okinawa Public Affairs



Serving the U. S.—Japan Alliance



GINOWAN CITY, Okinawa—USNHO Japan Master Labor Contract (MLC) Employees were recognized for their length of service by the governments of Japan and the United States in an Oct. 17 ceremony at the Ginowan Convention Center in Ginowan City Okinawa. (U. S. Navy photo by Brian J. Davis/ RELEASED)

Avoiding noise-induced hearing loss

Lieutenant Jessica Snyder, Occupational Audiologist, U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa Public Health Services

Did you know you can permanently lose your hearing from prolonged exposure to noise? The American Academy of Audiology reports 12 million Americans have hearing loss as a result of exposure to noise. Noise-induced hearing loss is 100% preventable.

Currently, the #1 disability claim at the Veterans Affairs (VA) is tinnitus and the #2 claim is hearing loss. Audiologists across the nation are encouraging Americans to protect their hearing by:

Wearing hearing protection when around sounds louder than 85dB for 30 minutes or more.

Turning down the volume when listening to the radio, the TV, MP3 player, or anything through ear buds and headphones.

Walking away from loud noise.

Noise-induced hearing loss is caused by damage to the microscopic hair cells, or cilia, which are found in the inner ear. Cilia are small hair cells in the hearing organ called the cochlea, that convert the sounds we hear (sound energy) into electrical signals that travel to the brain. Once damaged, our hair cells cannot be repaired or grow back, causing permanent hearing loss.

The loudness of sound is measured in units called decibels (dB). Noise-induced hearing loss is caused by prolonged exposure to any loud noise over 85 (dB), such as concerts, sporting events, lawnmowers, fireworks, MP3 players at full volume, and more. A brief exposure to a very intense sound, such as a gun shot near the ear, can also damage your hearing. An environment is too loud and considered **dangerous** if you:

Have to shout over background noise to be heard.

It is painful to your ears.

It makes your ears ring during and after exposure.

If you have decreased or “muffled” hearing for several hours after exposure, that is a sign of temporary and possibly permanent hearing damage. Hearing loss not only affects your ability to understand speech but it also has a negative impact on your social and emotional well-being. Noise induced hearing loss can occur gradually over time, and people don’t often realize they are changing the way they live to make up for the disability. If you suspect you may have hearing loss, please see your Primary Care Manager for a referral to audiology. He or

she will perform a hearing test to determine the type and severity of hearing loss you may have.

U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa has the largest OCONUS hearing conservation program with over 22,000 Marines, Airmen, Sailors, and Soldiers on island.

There are two active duty audiologists and one civilian audiologist whose mission is to provide support and services to noise-exposed personnel who are routinely exposed to hazardous noise and are enrolled in the Hearing Conservation Program.

Hearing loss is one of the most prevalent occupational health impairments in the military. Noise induced hearing loss occurs as a result of repeated exposure to hazardous noise from equipment such as aircraft, tanks, weapons, vehicles, generators, engineering tools, industrial settings and some recreational activities.

Millions of dollars are awarded each year in compensation cases. Auditory fitness for duty is crucial for maintaining combat effectiveness and readiness, a safe environment, and an individual's quality of life.



Officer/Civilians of the Quarter recognized



Capt. Terese Allison, NC, USAF
USNH Okinawa Nurse Corps Officer of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter.



Lt. Karla Krasnoselsky, MSC, USN
USNH Okinawa Medical Service Corps Officer of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter.



Lt. Robert Lennon,
USNH Okinawa Officer of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter.



Mr. Adam Krasnoselsky, RN
USNH Okinawa Senior Civilian of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter.



Mr. Robert Rowe
USNH Okinawa Senior Civilian of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter.



Mrs. Cherelynn Yandoc,
USNH Okinawa Junior Civilian of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter.



Mr. Thomas Niski,
USNH Okinawa Contractor of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter.

Holiday Leave Periods

Holiday leave periods for the Christmas/New Year 2014 are as follows: Period 1 commences after working hours Friday, Dec. 12 and goes through Friday, Dec. 26; Period 2 commences after working hours Monday, Dec. 29 and goes through Monday, Jan. 12. For details, refer to USNAVHOSP OKINAWA NOTICE 1050.



Sailors of the Month



Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Matthew Henderson
Directorate for Medical Services



Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Bobby Alexander
Directorate for Clinical Support Services



Hospitalman Francis MartinezCastillo
Directorate for Mental Health Services



Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class
Jeff Prudencio
Directorate for Branch Medical Clinics



Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class
Courtney Scarlett
Directorate for Surgical Services



Hospitalman Connor Evans
Directorate for Administration



Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Brandon Schram
Directorate for Public Health Services

Milestones



Lt. Uriah Paul is capped by his daughter during his promotion from Lieutenant Junior Grade to Lieutenant on Sept. 12, 2014. (Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class William McCann)



Chief Hospital Corpsman Michael Stanley receives his Chief anchors during the 2014 CPO Induction ceremony at Foster theater on Sept. 16, 2014. (Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class William McCann)



Members of CPO 365 pose for a group photo in front of U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa.

Got News?

If you have an event you would like covered, email us or give us a call at 646-7024. We also welcome contributions from our readers. Send us your news, photos, announcements, stories, and art to the USNHO Public Affairs Office at nhokipao@med.navy.mil.